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C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 00934

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR PGOV UK US GW GE WB FR UR  
SUBJECT: RUMOR OF GDR INTENTION TO MODIFY EAST BERLIN/  
GDR BOUNDARY

REF: MOSCOW 507

1. IN JANUARY 17 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRENCH REP  
(BOISSIEU) REPORTED INFORMATION FROM A "PROTECTED"  
SOURCE THAT GDR AUTHORITIES ARE CONSIDERING A  
MODIFICATION OF THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN EAST BERLIN AND  
THE GDR. ACCORDING TO BOISSIEU, THE MODIFICATION WOULD  
INVOLVE THE CREATION OF A NEW BOROUGH (BEZIRK)  
COMBINING TERRITORY FROM AN EXISTING EAST BERLIN  
BEZIRK AND A DEVELOPED AREA OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARY OF  
EAST BERLIN IN THE GDR. BOISSIEU COMMENTED THAT SUCH  
A CHANGE WOULD BE A VERY SERIOUS MATTER AS THE  
BOUNDARIES OF GREATER BERLIN, AS DEFINED IN 1920,  
ARE ENSHRINED IN ANY NUMBER OF QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENTS  
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INVOLVING THE STATUS OF THE CITY, MOST  
PARTICULARLY THE SEPTEMBER 1944 PROTOCOL.

2. FRG REP (HENZE) SAID THAT THE FRENCH REPORT  
REMINDS HIM OF RECENT NEUES DEUTSCHLAND ARTICLE WHICH  
INDICATED THAT A NINTH BEZIRK WAS TO BE CREATED IN  
EAST BERLIN. THE ARTICLE HAD BEEN UNCLEAR ABOUT THE

BOUNDARIES.

3. UK REP (HARPER) RECALLED THAT THE BRITISH MISSION TOGETHER WITH THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN MAY HAVE LOOKED INTO THE STORY IN THE RECENT PAST.

4. ALL REPS TOOK A SECOND LOOK AT THE REPORT OF BONDARENKO'S REMARK TO THE US DCM IN MOSCOW (REFTEL), THAT THE GDR MEASURES "DO NOT AFFECT THE BORDER OF GREATER BERLIN, AS YOU CALL IT."

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION MISSION OR EMBASSY BERLIN MIGHT BE ABLE TO DEVELOP ON THE REPORTED PLANS FOR CREATION OF A NEW BEZIRK IN EAST BERLIN.  
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